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November 10, 2016

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Notice of Ex Parte Communication, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 14-58 and 14-259

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On November 8, 2016, the undersigned, along with Jeffrey S. Nordhaus, Executive Vice President, Innovation & Broadband, Empire State Development and Charles Small, Associate Director of Federal Affairs of the Washington D.C. Office of New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, had a brief conference call with Carol Matthey and Alexander Minard from the Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss New York Petition for Expedited Waiver, which is currently pending in the above-captioned proceedings.

During the call, the State representatives stressed the need for the Commission to quickly approve the petition to align the federal and state broadband funding programs. This alignment would bring significant public interest benefits by dramatically speeding the deployment of broadband infrastructure to rural communities in New York. We also noted that good cause exists for grant of the requested waiver due to the unique circumstances surrounding New York's broadband funding program.

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This letter is being submitted electronically in the above-referenced dockets pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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